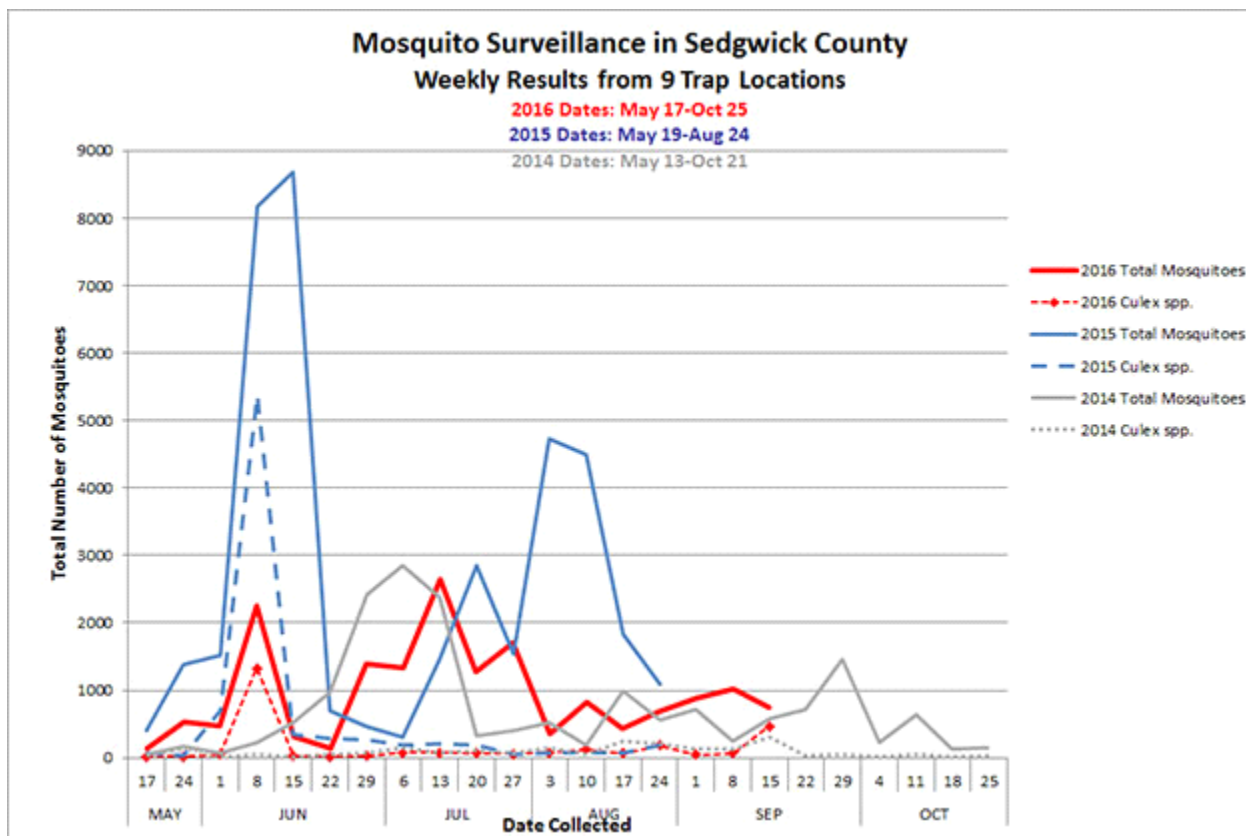


## KDHE Statewide Population Health Call – September 27, 2016

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Public  
Health  
Informatics

1. Arboviral disease update
  - a. West Nile virus
    - i. 15 total cases in 2016
    - ii. Mosquito counts unremarkable over past few weeks

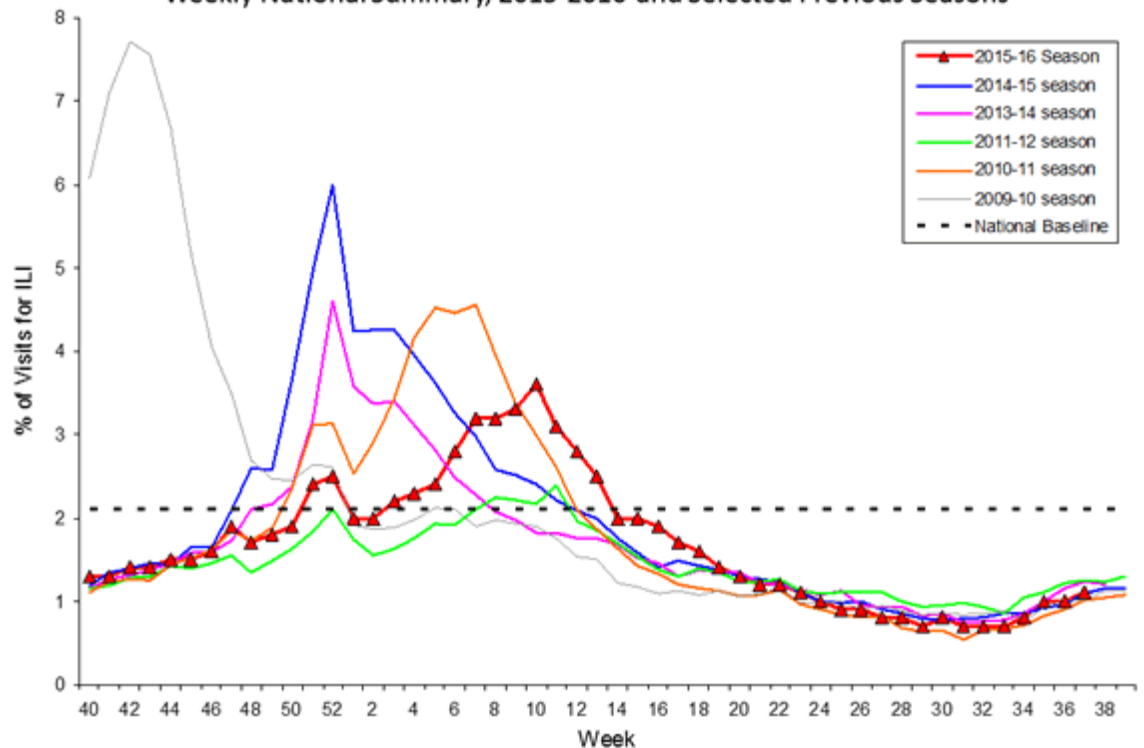


From [http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/arboviral\\_disease.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/arboviral_disease.htm)

- iii. Recent media interest
  1. Important to note there is sometimes conflict between physician diagnosis and public health surveillance
- b. Zika virus
  - i. 15 travel-associated cases in Kansas
  - ii. Continuing to process requests for testing through KHEL and provide technical assistance
    1. Overall call volume has decreased somewhat from peak in August
- iii. Town hall meeting scheduled
  1. Monday, 03 October 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  2. Topeka-Shawnee Public Library
  3. In-person and live webinar options available
  4. Register via KS-TRAIN (course ID #1065477)
  5. **The objectives for this town hall meeting are:**
    - To provide a situation update on Zika virus

- Discuss the KDHE response plan
  - Provide an update on mosquito surveillance for this season and plans for next year
  - Provide information on laboratory testing processes
  - Discuss the US Zika pregnancy registry and birth defects surveillance
  - Provide an overview of the KDHE education campaign
  - Discuss the plans for waste tire remediation
- c. Influenza
- i. 2016-2017 season about to start
  - ii. What's new this season
    1. Only injectable flu shots recommended
      - a. ACIP voted in June, 2016 that LAIV should not be used because data showed essentially no benefit for children 2-17 years of age during the 2015-2016 season
      - b. Reviews of data from previous seasons also show lower effectiveness
    2. Vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses
    3. Some new vaccines on market
      - a. FLUAD -- First adjuvanted seasonal flu vaccine marketed in U.S.
  - iii. Nationally, there has been a slight increase in positive influenza tests through U.S. clinical laboratories, though increase not as remarkable in public health labs
  - iv. ILINet -- Slight increase in past few weeks nationally (KS data not available due to lack of reporting in summer)

Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by the U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet), Weekly National Summary, 2015-2016 and Selected Previous Seasons



From <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>

- v. Watch KDHE website for updates and surveillance data
- d. Impetigo outbreaks
  - i. Three recent outbreaks at high schools among sports teams
  - ii. KDHE will generally not do intensive investigations, but will instead provide recommendations and ask for aggregate counts of cases
  - iii. Toolkit available on KDHE website
  - iv. Technical assistance provided as requested or needed
- e. Carbon monoxide poisoning prevention
  - i. The Kansas Environmental Public Health Tracking program has collaborated with the KUMC poison control center, Safekids, and the KDHE childcare licensing program to bring awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning
  - ii. As part of the carbon monoxide awareness campaign, an online training course was developed for childcare providers and is now available through KS-TRAIN (course ID #1065557). This course offers one hour of free continuing education credit, downloadable educational materials, and a free carbon monoxide detector to qualified participants
- f. Blood lead
  - i. The KSEPHT program is convening a workgroup of local health departments on Friday September 30th. This workgroup will help draft a new protocol for surveillance, investigation and case management based on elevated blood lead levels. The group

will also work on creating a survey tool for investigating the source(s) of lead exposure and discuss options for full EBL investigations.

- g. Regional public health meetings
  - i. Will discuss changes to KDHE disease administrative regulations
  - ii. Looking for feedback

**Michael Bear,**  
Preparedness

- The Ebola grant extension will be going out by the end of the week
- A memo clarifying the purchase of meals for exercises and meetings has been sent out via KALHD
- As a reminder the first quarter of the budget period ends September 30, 2016. Affidavits for reimbursement need to be submitted by October 15, 2016
- Preparedness will be hosting webinars for the CRMCS inventory system on October 5, 2016 at 10 am and 2 pm. The content of the two presentations is the same
- If you haven't already done so please sign up for the Ebola Risk Communication class via KS-TRAIN. The course number is 1065100
- KDEM Exercise Officer Nathan Brown is working with KDHE on material to help communities with their Fatality Management Table Top Exercise. Material should be available after January 1, 2017
- CDC hosted a Twitter preparedness chat at 12:00 (noon) CDT on 9/27/16 using the hashtag #CDCPrep2016
- Fred the Preparedness Dog interacted with his 20,000th person two weeks ago. That's a milestone for the program in 3 ½ years of activity. Fred was also highlighted by CDC as part of their National Preparedness Month activities in a Public Health Matters Blog (<https://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2016/09/fred-the-preparedness-dog/>)
- On September 16, 2016, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published their final rule establishing national emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare- and Medicaid-participating providers and suppliers. These regulations affect 17 medical provider types and greatly increases their responsibilities for emergency preparedness efforts. Some of these provider types are: hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural health clinics, long-term care facilities, and community mental health centers but also includes other more specialized medical provider types. While detailed implementation survey guidance has yet to be released, facilities have been given the date of November 16, 2017 as a due date. While specifics vary across these 17 provider types, in general these organizations are expected to: conduct a facility hazard vulnerability analysis, develop an emergency operations plan, develop policies and procedures to implement the emergency preparedness plan, develop an emergency communications plan, train staff on emergency responsibilities, participate in community full-scale exercises annually, and participate in a second exercise of any type. Incorporated within these requirements is participation with local emergency preparedness organizations for planning and exercising

**Cristi Cain,** Aid to Local Update

- Local  
Public  
Health
- First quarter Financial Status Reports due October 15
  - Webinars about Catalyst enhancements coming January 2017
    - Dec 5, 12, 19 9:00-11:00 a.m.
    - KS-TRAIN Course ID#1064942

Regional Meetings (Course ID#1065642) – *for more info, see Deb Nickels' notes*

- Update on Kansas Disease Regulations—Charlie Hunt, State Epidemiologist
- Child Abuse/Neglect Intake, Investigation and Assessment—DCF Representatives

KS-TRAIN (training plans, etc.)—Debbie Nickels and Karen Kelley

- Kansas Health Matters
- Enter information about a successful intervention for a chance to win an iPad or prize of equal value
- [kansashealthmatters.org/promising practices](http://kansashealthmatters.org/promising-practices)
- Deadline to enter is December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Governor’s Public Health Conference
- April 25-27, 2017 Manhattan

**Debbie Nickels,**  
KS-TRAIN

- a. **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2016 Regional Public Health Meetings:** The regional public health meetings for the last quarter of 2016 offer a variety of useful information on proposed revisions to disease regulations, mandatory reporting, and upcoming changes to KS-TRAIN. The meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. Register on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1065642. The agenda includes the following: Update on Kansas Disease Regulations: Times They are a Changin’, D. Charles Hunt, State Epidemiologist and Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics; Child Abuse/Neglect Intake, Investigation and Assessment, Regional Administrators, Kansas Department for Children and Families; KS-TRAIN Local Health Department Administrator Training, Debbie Nickels, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), KS-TRAIN Administrator and Karen Kelley, KDHE, Project Manager, Catalyst/KS-TRAIN.

The dates and locations for the meetings are:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, October 13
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, November 2
- Southwest Region, Garden City, November 9
- Northwest Region, Oakley, November 10
- North Central Region, Beloit, December 14
- Northeast Region, Topeka, December 13

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at [tcaudle@kdheks.gov](mailto:tcaudle@kdheks.gov).

- b. **2017 Local Public Health Leadership Series Taking Applications - Apply by November 15**  
Applications are now being accepted for the next session of the Local Public Health Leadership Series. All Public Health Professionals who desire to expand their leadership development are encouraged to apply for this four-month education opportunity sponsored by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD). The purpose of the Local Public Health Leadership Series (LPHLS) is to enhance the ability of local health department administrators and staff to exercise leadership in the delivery of Medicaid services to residents in their communities. The LPHLS will develop core knowledge and skills related to identifying and responding to adaptive challenges. The focus will be on development of leadership competencies identified by the Kansas Leadership Center: Diagnosing the Situation, Managing Self, Energizing Others and Intervening Skillfully.

Leadership involves mobilizing others, sometimes without direct authority to do so, in an effort to address difficult community challenges. These difficult, daunting, adaptive challenges don't have a single expert or manager who can fix them. Progress can be made to address adaptive challenges but it will require learning, involvement of stakeholders and persistent efforts. Public health professionals are in key positions to provide this kind of leadership.

Applicants who are chosen will be expected to attend all live sessions in Wichita at the [Community Engagement Institute](#). There is no registration cost for participating in the Local Public Health Series, only the commitment of time.

January 23 - 24, 2017

February 7 - 8, 2017

March 7 - 8, 2017

April 12 - 13, 2017

The Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute will serve as faculty and coaches for the series which is modeled after the [Kansas Leadership Center's](#) training curriculum and methods. If you want to know more about this program email Seth Bate at [Seth.Bate@wichita.edu](mailto:Seth.Bate@wichita.edu) or Sonja Armbruster at [Sonja.Armbruster@wichita.edu](mailto:Sonja.Armbruster@wichita.edu). If you are interested in participating in this program and would like to receive the application, please contact Kristina Helmer at [Kristina.Helmer@wichita.edu](mailto:Kristina.Helmer@wichita.edu). The applications are due November 15.

- c. The October issue of Public Health CONNECTIONS will be coming out soon. Included again this month are new online courses posted to the system that have continuing education credits available. If you are not on the Public Health CONNECTIONS distribution list please email [PHC@kdheks.gov](mailto:PHC@kdheks.gov) to request to be added to the distribution list serve.

#### **Preparedness Training Information on KS-TRAIN:**

**See the Kansas Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar for updates additions to their courses that are posted to KS-TRAIN:** <http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=266>

- a. **Public Health Ebola Risk Communications Training Scheduled:** In order to ensure the readiness and response capability of state, local and territorial public health agencies to public health emergency, crisis and disaster situations, the **Preparedness Program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is collaborating with** the Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC) at Wichita State University to provide crisis communication training. [KDHE-BCHS: Ebola Risk Communications Training, Course ID# 1065100](#) is for the Local Health Department Public Information Officers and applicable KDHE staff participating in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Preparedness Ebola Supplemental Grant. If you have questions about the training please contact Elisa Nehrbass at [enehrbass@kdheks.gov](mailto:enehrbass@kdheks.gov) or call 785-296-1882.

Sites for the training are:

- Garden City, October 11
- Pittsburg, November 16
- Oakley, December 6
- Salina, December 7
- Wichita, February 16, 2017
- Kansas City, Kansas, March 28, 2017

- Topeka, March 29, 2017
- b. **The Regional Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Meetings** are posted to KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org> for registration. If you do not see your regional meeting on the KS-TRAIN calendar please contact the regional coordinator for the next meeting date. Regional Coordinators if you need assistance in posting your courses or sessions for your meetings/trainings please let us know at [kstrain@kdheks.gov](mailto:kstrain@kdheks.gov) or [dnickels@kdheks.gov](mailto:dnickels@kdheks.gov).
- SEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059500 (TBA Chanute)
  - NEKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059234 (October 12, Topeka)
  - SWKS Hospital Emergency Response Team HPP Healthcare Coalition, Course ID #1059224 (TBA, Garden City)
  - NWKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064649 (November 1, Hays)
  - NCKS Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059634 (November 18, Salina)
  - Kansas Metro Regional Healthcare Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1059303 (TBA)
  - SCKS Health Care Coalition Meeting, Course ID #1064922 (November 16, Wichita)
- c. Just a reminder to check the **Calendar on KS-TRAIN** at <http://ks.train.org> for live preparedness training. If you have new staff or partners who require ICS training, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management will be posting training sessions for the **G300**, Course ID# 1060574. There is a G300 in Lawrence on 11/2 and 11/3; **G400**, Course ID# 1060577 has a session scheduled in Olathe on 10/4 and 10/5 and Topeka on 10/25 and 10/27.
- d. The **KDHE: The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) - Kansas CHEMPACK** is live on KS-TRAIN, Course ID #1060191. By the end of this course you will be able to successfully:
- Define the CHEMPACK Program
  - List the six types of chemical warfare agents
  - Identify the signs and symptoms of mild, moderate and severe nerve agent poisoning
  - Identify the five products in the CHEMPACK container
  - Explain what each product in the container is used for
  - Identify five of the responsibilities of a CHEMPACK cache location
- e. The 2016 version of the **Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials: What the Laboratorian Should Know, Course ID #1062513** is available on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. In order to be certified or recertified to ship laboratory materials, you must complete training on the hazardous materials regulations as well as some facility specific training. This on-line course uses a problem solving approach to provide training on infectious Division 6.2 Materials as specified in the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. The content includes some general security training as well as some guidance on facility specific training. Access to resource documents and a number of job aids will not only enhance your learning experience but also provide useful resources for your laboratory. This course is designed specifically for those who participate in any phase of shipping laboratory specimens within the United States.
- f. The course, **KHEL: Preparing Clinical Specimens Related to Chemical or Biological Exposure Using Evidence Control Measures (CESSL), Course ID #1050287**, is an intermediate-level 45 minute training overview of regulations and procedures associated with evidentiary control measures taken when shipping clinical specimens to the Kansas Department of Health and Environmental

Laboratories after a known or unknown chemical exposure event has occurred. This course is offered to ensure all laboratory staff across Kansas receive the full training needed to fully support their responsibilities as sentinel laboratory staff members. PH Preparedness Capabilities: #12 and #14.

If you have staff who have completed the Division 6.2 Infectious Materials course via another venue other than the CDC online course on KS-TRAIN, they should contact Sara Hoffman at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. Sara will enroll your employee into the CESSL course, #1050287. You can reach her at [shoffman@kdheks.gov](mailto:shoffman@kdheks.gov) or 785-291-3162.

KS-TRAIN questions can be directed to [kstrain@kdheks.gov](mailto:kstrain@kdheks.gov) or [dnickels@kdheks.gov](mailto:dnickels@kdheks.gov).

**Cassie Sparks,**  
Communications  
Update

- The agency will put out the annual news release about influenza season in early October. The release states that influenza season is beginning and encourages everyone to get a flu shot.
- The 2015 annual summary of vital statistics will be released soon and a short news release will be sent out with that publication.
- KDHE has begun moving to Office 365 as the new email system. This means that some employees in the agency now have new email addresses. Please be aware of that and keep an eye out for those new email addresses and make those changes in your contact lists. This is taking place in stages, so not every employee in KDHE has a new email address at this time. Once employees have changed to their new email address, they should make note of that in their email signature. Emails sent to an employee's old address will be forwarded to their new address so they will still receive that email.

**Ginger Park,**  
Bureau of Health  
Promotion

#### *Stepping On*

There are spaces available for the *Stepping On* leaders' training in Topeka October 26-28. *Stepping On* is an evidence-based program that helps older adults reduce falls by discussing falls and risks, medication, vision exams and home safety, and incorporating strength and balance exercises.

*Stepping On* leaders must:

- Be a health care professional, aging network professional or fitness instructor;
- Have led group-based programs on adult learning or self-efficacy principles;
- Have worked with older adults; and
- Commit to leading at least two *Stepping On* workshops every year.

Contact Lori Haskett at 785-296-8161 or [lori.haskett@ks.gov](mailto:lori.haskett@ks.gov) for more information and to register for the training.